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SUBJECT: PY 1996-97 PPFU DATA ON THE INTERNET

This Information Bulletin announces the availability of Program Year (PY) 1996-97 Post Program Follow-Up (PPFU) survey results on the Internet. The Survey Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) has included the statewide results of the PPFU surveys for PY 1996-97 as one of the demonstration survey data archives on their website located at <http://socrates.berkeley.edu:7502/src/>. This website introduces a set of programs, developed by the Computer-Assisted Survey Methods Program at UCB, to facilitate the documentation, analysis, and distribution of survey data on the Internet. These programs allow users to browse the documentation for a study and to analyze the data using crosstabulations, comparisons of means and comparisons of correlations.

The PPFU survey data archive includes only statewide, aggregated data. No identifying names or numbers are used in the database. The identity of Service Delivery Areas (SDA) and individual clients is fully protected. All of the survey responses are organized by the funding source and by client group.

This data provides a point of reference for SDAs to use in comparing their follow-up results to the state as a whole. It also provides general information on the program and the characteristics of various client groups. The crosstabulation feature can be used to provide valuable information that may be helpful in understanding and explaining program outcomes and/or implementing improvements.

By using the database *Basic Follow-up Information*, the Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) was able to determine various facts about the clients in Title II and Title III programs. For example:

- The average and most common age of a participant is 38 years old;
- For clients working at the 13th week and employed at termination, 79 percent were still employed with the same employer;
- The number of weeks worked during the follow-up period ranged from 0 to 13 with an average of about 9 weeks;
- The average number of hours worked in the 13th week was about 38 hours;

- The average hourly wage computed from hours worked in the 13th week was about \$9.70; with extra earnings, it was about \$10.50;
- About 56 percent of the sample were male and 44 percent were female; and
- About 80 percent of those sampled completed the interview.

Additionally, of the small subset of clients (less than 700 of about 25,000) who were asked extra questions:

- About 82 percent only had one job during the 13 week period;
- About 80 percent rated the training excellent or good;
- Over 90 percent said their case worker talked about skills needed on the job; the importance of getting to work on time (93 percent); getting along with coworkers (88 percent); and telling their supervisor when they finished work assignments (70 percent).
- Over 90 percent said the information they received was very or somewhat helpful in keeping the job.

To access the PPFU survey data archive:

1. Go to the follow-up website (<http://socrates.berkeley.edu:7502/src/>);
2. Select JTPA follow-up for 1996-97;
3. Select Browse codebook at the Survey Research Center Data Archive (SRCDA) screen;
4. Choose a variable list to use, (Headings for Groups of Variables has the *Basic Follow-up Information* referred to earlier);
5. Go back to the SRCDA screen to choose the type of analysis you are going to run;
6. Enter the variables and run the table.

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